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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-13 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out the applicant's invention. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the instant amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Broussard (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,483) in view of Shintani (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,608). It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, define subject matter not disclosed or suggested by either the Broussard or Shintani patents. More particularly, the applicant agrees that the Broussard patent fails to disclose a remote control device for communicating with a computing platform over a predetermined communication link. The claims, as amended, recite other features not disclosed by the Shintani or Broussard patents. For example, the claims recite that the remote control device includes a display and a control system which enables the available digital content available on the computing platform to be displayed and selected and causes the selected digital content to be played on the playback device. The remote control device disclosed in the Shintani patent simply allows a remote device to be selected and started. The Shintani patent clearly does not disclose a remote control device which displays a list of available digital content on a remote PC and allows a user to select from the list and causes the selected digital content to be played on a remote playback device. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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